#### Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20, James 3: 16—4:3, Mark 9: 30-37

#### FOCUS: To love God is to love and serve others.

There are a number of references in the Scriptures concerning wisdom. Wisdom is described by James today as being pure—we could even say that wisdom is innocent. If wisdom is pure, peaceable, and gentle as well as full of mercy and good fruits as mentioned in the letter from James, then being servants of God is part of the wisdom of God. To possess wisdom is to have insight or deep knowledge of the ways of God which lead us to choose what is right and reject what is wrong. James tells us today that where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, disorder exists in society. However, where people get along and are willing to share instead of being constantly competitive with each other, there is order in society. Part of learning, from the time we are children, is to develop wisdom and to learn right from wrong. To nurture a Catholic sense of values among the people of our faith community is a responsibility all of us must take seriously.

In today's first reading, we see how the wicked ones show no wisdom at all. Many biblical scholars believe this reading is part of the prophesy concerning the passion and death of Jesus Christ. This passage sounds like it is describing the chief priests of the Temple who were trying to justify sending Christ to his death in order to preserve Jewish society as they knew it.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that he will be killed and three days later he will rise from the dead. Although Jesus wants to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection, he also wants to teach them the meaning of servanthood. If they wish to be first in the kingdom, they must be willing to put themselves last and serve the needs of others before their own.

To emphasize his point, Jesus takes a child from among the crowd as an example of the lowly—those without power or status—whom they were to serve. To serve the poor is to serve the Father.

Many times Jesus told his disciples that they would not always be rewarded for their service during their earthly lives. Just as Jesus had to suffer and die, so they would have to suffer and die for the faith as well.

Let us pray that, as we profess our faith, we will be grateful for the gift of wisdom we have been given. We believe that Christ not only died and rose for us, but that he continues to live in the Eucharist we are about to receive. May our sharing in the Eucharist deepen our insights into the ways of God as we strive to be his true sons and daughters.

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#### Dates to remember

20 Sep—The Saturday Vigil Mass will be @ 2000 hrs

21 Sep—Baptismal Class, MHT Rectory 1230, POC Kay Heppes @ x8761

22 Sep — Ministry Training -1900 MHT /Rectory

22 Sep—Catechist Formation Classes / Cloister Room 1900, POC Kay Heppes x8761

Tues Nights—RCIA, 1930 Rm 5326 Washington Hall, POC: Kay Heppes, x8761

5 Oct— Eucharist Program parent meeting, 0920 Rm 348 Thayer Hall, POC Kay Heppes, x8761

Saturday Daily Mass at 0900 hours at MHT. Come and join us!

#### SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK OF Sep 21, 2003

Mon – Ezra 1: 1-6, Luke 8: 16-18

Tue – Ezra 6: 7-8, 12b, 14-20, Luke 8: 19-21

Saint Pio of Pietreclina (Padre Pio)

Wed – Ezra 9: 5-9, Luke 9: 1-6

Thurs – Haggai 1: 1-8, Luke 9:7-9 Fri – Haggai 1: 15b—2:9, Luke 9: 18-22

Saint Cosmas and Damian

Sat – Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a, Luke 9:43b-45

Saint Vincent de Paul

#### **ANNOUNCED MASSES**

Sat 20 Sep 1715 William Scheve Sun 21 Sep 0900 Mr & Mrs. Paul Grant Sun 21 Sep 1100 Parishioners of MHT Mon 22 Sep 1205 George Nahhan Tue 23 Sep 1205 Thomas Skelly Wed 24 Sep 1205 Bertha Alicia Davalos Thurs 25 Sep 1205 26 Sep 1205 Beth Heaton Fri

#### **Attendance and Offering Last Weekend:**

Attendance 606 Offering \$2,507.90

This weeks Designated Offering: Sep 20/21 will be for

"Sacred Heart"

#### LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Sep 27-28

1715 M. Leszczyski, D. Brazil, Cadet

0900 B. Moretti, M. Naessens, Cadet

1100 D. McGurk, T. Povich, E. Kowalski, M. Vetter, Cadet, Cadet, Volunteer

<u>USHERS FOR</u> <u>Sep 27-28</u> 1715 <u>Mike Phillips / Massacci</u>

0900 Commons

1100 KofC

ALTAR SERVERS Sep 27-28
1715 Cory Trainor, Danny Trainor, Zach Trainor

0900 John Rubarger, Daniel Stack, Trevor Jones

1100 Kof C

#### PROCLAIMERS FOR Sep 27-28

1715 John Blanc / Eric Verzola

0900 Nicole Miller / Brian Moretti

1100 Jennifer Barrow / Doug Wolfe

# I have a question. Whom do I call? Pastoral Coordinator...Kate Hayden 938-8760

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Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork,
Pre-Cana/Engaged Encounter information.

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Cadet Issues....Fr. Edson Wood....938-2784

RECONCILIATION, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION:

Wednesday 1820 –1930 at

MHT Chapel

### **OUTREACH**

Food for the Needy-Anyone interested in making items for the St. Patrick's soup kitchen may contact Jeanne at 446-0503. The meal for September is breakfast/breads/muffins and can be delivered to 1004 B Bartlett Loop Tuesday September 23 between 4-8pm.

You can just change the menu and date each month. Information for the fall semester is:
October 21-lunch/sandwiches November 18-dinner/chili Decmber 16 holiday/cookies and treats
MARYCREST CONVENT

A homemaker's aide is needed for the following days and times:

Saturday: 2:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m. Sunday: 2:00 p.m. —10:00 p.m.

Please contact: Sister Maria Catherine at

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# An Exciting New Catholic Apologetics Study Course begins in October at Most Holy Trinity! Study nights will be every Thursday evening from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM.

If you've ever found certain questions hard to answer, this study might be for you. Questions such as: "Where is purgatory in the Bible?" "Why do you confess your sins to a priest?" "Why do you pray to Mary and the saints?" "Are you born again?" "Are you saved?" "Didn't Mary have more children after Jesus?" "Why does your Bible contain seven more books than mine?"

\*\*Learn to explain your faith clearly, defend it charitably,\*\*

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To sign up for the Catholic Apologetics Study call: Tom and Elisa Bell at 446-8753

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: GOD'S TYM (Total Youth Ministries) POC Michelle Kelley @ 424-3609

God's TYM begins September 21 from 7-9pm in Sacred Heart Gym. We have a guest speaker Tony Belizzi returning by popular demand. Tony is the Confrimation leader at Bethany House. <u>CWOC</u>

September 24th from 7-9pm CWOC will have a Mentoring workshop at the Cadet Chapel Fenton room (basement) for all ladies interested in mentoring ministry or Heart to Heart. If possible rsvp to Caroline Snider 534-5367 or Dawn Robyn 446-4262.